

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 8(L)(2)

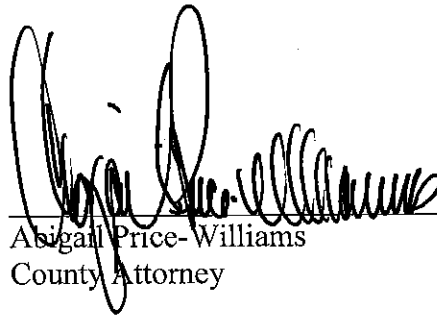
TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 6, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution approving a financial contribution of up to \$300,000.00 from TD Bank to Miami-Dade County for the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program; and authorizing the Mayor to accept this contribution

The accompanying resolution was prepared by the Regulatory and Economic Resources Department and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.



Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

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To: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
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From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlos A. Gimenez", written over a horizontal line.

Subject: Resolution Accepting a Contribution from TD Bank to Miami-Dade County for the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) accept the financial contribution of up to \$300,000.00 from TD Bank through The Nature Conservancy for the Miami-Dade County Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program.

A portion of the contribution (\$180,000.00) will reimburse the County's October 6, 2015 purchase of the two (2) remaining parcels in the Goulds Pineland Preserve that were purchased pursuant to Resolution No. R-589-15 with funds from the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond (BBC-GOB) Program. The balance of the contribution (up to \$120,000.00) will be deposited into the EEL Management Trust Fund for the management of the Goulds Pineland Preserve.

Scope

The EEL Program serves to protect lands throughout the County; however, this donation will benefit the Goulds Pineland Preserve located in Commission District 9, which is represented by Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

The acceptance of this donation will have no fiscal impact, as no matching funds from the County are required.

The \$180,000.00 portion of the contribution associated with the October 6, 2015 purchase will reimburse BBC-GOB Program Project No. 2, Site No. 70230. Because the original donation amount of \$300,000.00 may be reduced by approximately \$8,000.00 if TD Bank chooses to conduct a tree inventory assessment, the remaining amount of up to \$120,000.00 will be deposited into the EEL Management Trust Fund for management of the Goulds Pineland Preserve.

Track Record / Monitor

The EEL Program Manager within the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources' Division of Environmental Resources Management Janet Gil will monitor this contract.

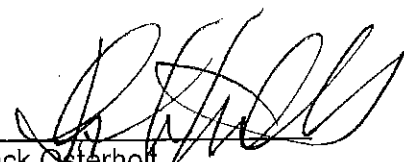
Background

Since 2012, TD Bank Group has collaborated with The Nature Conservancy in a North American initiative focusing on protecting critical forest habitat, growing local forests and green spaces, and using resources responsibly. The TD Forests Program has helped protect more than 25,000 acres of critical forests, such as the native pine rocklands in the Goulds Pineland Preserve, which the program has generously offered to support with their donation.

The historic loss, fragmentation, and degradation of native wetland and forest communities in Miami-Dade County are well recognized. In May of 1990, with the knowledge that remaining wetland and forest communities were endangered, the electorate of Miami-Dade County authorized the County to levy an ad valorem tax for two (2) years to create the EEL Program and Trust Fund. The purpose of the EEL Program is to acquire, preserve, enhance, restore, conserve and maintain environmentally-endangered lands for the benefit of present and future generations.

The Goulds Pineland Preserve, one of the original Rockridge Pinelands on the State of Florida's Conservation and Recreation Lands Program, is a high-quality pine rockland that is home to 135 native plant species, several of which are rare, threatened, and endangered. Several butterflies, birds, and reptiles also call Goulds Pineland home. Because of its location inside the Urban Development Boundary, this residential urban pineland is highly vulnerable to development. Pine Rocklands occur only in southern Miami-Dade County, the Florida Keys, and some islands of the Bahamas. The Goulds Pineland Preserve Acquisition Project was placed on the EEL Priority A Acquisition List by Resolution No. R-1069-91, as approved by the Board on October 1, 1991.

On June 30, 2015, the Board adopted Resolution No. R-589-15, approving the "Contract for Sale and Purchase" of approximately 3.47 acres of Goulds Pineland Project within the EEL Program Miami Rockridge Pinelands Acquisition Site. The two (2) parcels were subsequently purchased on October 6, 2015 from the Morning Star Baptist Church with funds allocated to the EEL Program from the BBC-GOB Program. These parcels, consisting of 3.47 acres, are the last contiguous and adjacent portion of the Goulds Pineland Preserve and their acquisition increases the conservation of a globally-imperiled ecosystem in this important urban preserve and facilitates the land management efforts of the EEL Program.



Jack Osterholt
Deputy Mayor



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(Revised)

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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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12-6-16

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING A FINANCIAL
CONTRIBUTION OF UP TO \$300,000.00 FROM TD
BANK TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE
ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS
PROGRAM; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR
MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT THIS
CONTRIBUTION

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes of Division 3 of Chapter 24 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, which relate to the County's Environmentally Endangered Lands Program (the EEL Program),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board hereby approves a financial contribution of up to \$300,000.00 from TD Bank to Miami-Dade County for the EEL Program; and authorizes the Mayor or Mayor's designee to accept this contribution whereby \$180,000.00 of the contribution will reimburse the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond Program Project No. 2, Site No. 70230 and the remaining amount of up to \$120,000.00 will be deposited into the Environmentally Endangered Lands Management Trust Fund for use only for the management of the Goulds Pineland Preserve.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner
who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner
and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman	
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Rebeca Sosa	Sen. Javier D. Souto
Xavier L. Suarez	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of December, 2016. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.
Abbie Schwaderer-Raurell



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